

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

STORY OF A HEAVY FORGERY.
CURIOUS TESTIMONY GIVEN BY A DETECTIVE IN THE TUMBS POLICE COURT.

Charles R. Tumb, age thirty-four, of No. 18 Avenue, and Samuel T. Hart, age fifty-three, of Twenty-fifth-st., agent for a life insurance company, were charged by Samuel J. Lowell, of Lowell, Oldring and Tully's Detective Agency, with the forgery of a check for \$100,000, purporting to be drawn to the order of John R. Baker, trustee, and signed by James B. Colgate & Co., brokers, No. 47 Wall-st.

It was elicited in the evidence that Lowell received intimation about two weeks ago that the accused men were engaged in keeping a forgery. He was then introduced to a man, John R. Baker, railroaded, and they disclosed unreservedly the nature of their scheme. They claimed to be acting in concert with Robert Collier, brother-in-law to one of the firm of Colgate & Co., and three clerks employed in the office, and said that they had already passed several checks for small amounts. The first meeting was at the office of Colgate & Co., and after the lapse of a week, they saw the detective, and told him a day had unavoidably occurred, but that the check would be forthcoming in proper season. Yesterday they again met him about 11:30 a.m., in the International Hotel in the Bowery, at the susceptible. They stole a gold watch and a time brooch valued at \$200. Before they were caught, the property was afterward recovered. The burglary was committed Thursday last week.

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The Board's daily session was opened by Mr. Appleton with some remarks upon the inter-oceanic canal scheme, in which he stated that the people were beginning to take an interest in the construction of that body, that the matter was as yet understood in no way. Mr. De Lesseps had secured a concession from a certain government for a route, and if any one else secured a concession from another government for another route, so much the better. Neither Mr. De Lesseps nor Admiral Ammen can deserve the American people; they will choose the best. He suggested that a committee be appointed to represent the Board at the annual meeting of the Inter-oceanic Canal, to receive the report of that body, and to receive the same from the Government at the next session of Congress.

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CLEARING THE SIDEWALKS.

Inspectors of the Bureau of Encumbrances were busy Wednesday serving notices on the proprietors of business places within the space bounded by Park-place, Chambers-st., Broadway, and the North River. On Friday or Saturday the inspectors will make another tour of this section and will seize all goods that are found obstructing the sidewalks. Such goods as are seized are carted on, and the owners in order to redeem them are required to pay the cartage fees.

RECEPTION TO JOHN WELSH.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 10.—Mr. John Welsh, late United States Minister to the Court of St. James, was honored the companion of a public reception in the old Independence Hall to-day.

THE ARREST OF JOSEPH A. BLAIR.

Joseph A. Blair, who was arrested on Wednesday afternoon on a bench-warrant from the two judges of the Essex Oyer and Terminer, has had several consultations with his counsel. His understanding

is that he has not yet been indicted by the Grand Jury, which is said to have examined several witnesses in the case yesterday. In case no indictment is found a capias is issued over the fact that Blair was arrested and no bench warrant is construed as evidence that the Grand Jury have not yet come to a decision in the case, and that the arrest therefore was only a precautionary measure.

THE STOLEN GOODS AT HEADQUARTERS.

MANY PERSONS EXAMINING THE LEAP TO FIND THEIR PROPERTY—ANOTHER BURGLARY DISCOVERED.

Persons whose houses have been plundered by burglars within the last few weeks went out and in at Police Headquarters yesterday, endeavoring to find some of their property among the articles discovered in Sheridan's liquor store, at No. 125 East Thirtieth-st., where the proprietor, supposed to be at the head of the dangerous band of thieves, was arrested. Mr. Allen, of Lexington-ave., and Richard O'Gorman succeeded in recovering a large quantity of clothing, some of which had been worn by the thieves when they were caught. The number of the supposed members of the gang now stands six. No new arrests were made yesterday, but a news item in the paper stated that a thief had brought to the first time. Snatch-thieves robbed the house of Loops Mox, an importer, of No. 507 Lexington-ave., while the family were in the basement at the susceptible. They stole a gold watch and a time brooch valued at \$200. Before they were caught, the property was afterward recovered. The burglary was committed Thursday last week.

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THE REPORT OF ITS FAILURE DISCREDITED BY THE FINANCIAL AGENT OF THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT.

In discrediting the reported failure of the National Bank of Peru, Mr. Hobson, of Hobson, Hurtado & Co., the financial agents of the Peruvian Government, called the attention of a famous reporter Wednesday to several circumstances which had excited his suspicion. In the first place, he had been informed during the day that the dispatch announcing the failure purported to have been sent from Lima Wednesday. The receipt of a dispatch on the same day that it was sent from Lima is absolutely impossible. Several days must elapse before a dispatch can be received here. Nothing that would indicate the probable suspension of the bank had been received in the latest advices from Peru. The latest news received by the agents of the Government contained news to August 13. In the Peruvian papers, it was stated that the bank was closed about the same rate that of other well-known banks. In addition, it was the only bank in Peru which bore the title of national, although it had not been established with the express intent to do so. He said that the Peruvian Consul-General had not been informed of the reported failure, and he was not in the truthfulness of the rumor. The general idea of the bank is very large, but it is not clear whether, if real, will either lose less here nor affect the Peruvian Government.

OPEN-AIR SPORTS AT NEWPORT.

A NOVEL SWIMMING MATCH.

A swimming match, which is rather a trial of who can remain in the water longest, has been arranged between Captain Matthew Webb, champion of England; George W. Wade, champion of Brooklyn; George Werlau, champion of New-York; W. H. Daily, champion of California, and Ernest Von Schoening, the amateur who jumped from a yacht and joined Captain Webb when he swam from Sandy Hook to Manhattan Beach recently. The match is to take place on Sunday, over a course in front of Bath, L. I., around two buoys a quarter of a mile apart, one off the Bath Park dock and the other off the bulkhead at the foot of Mrs. Barney Williams's residence. The men will start at 10 a.m. and swim backward and forward around those buoys until all are exhausted and have to quit the water. Then their distances will be compared, and the one who has swum the furthest, irrespective of time, will be entitled to the first prize of \$1,500, the second \$750, and a third to have his entrance fee refunded. The promoters expect to draw 1,500 spectators.

The swimmer received his sentence defiantly, and before leaving the box, said the justice he would be tried in was guilty of perjury.

Judge Cowling, in passing sentence, said: "I have now occupied a position on the bench for some months, and I think you are the worst criminal I have had anything to do with. You are not in the law, and I am not in the law, but you are in the law."

In response to the usual question previous to sentence, the prisoner replied that he had not had a fair trial. He said that he was guilty of perjury, but he did not consider it a crime.

He further admitted that he had served five years in the Kings County Penitentiary, having been convicted of grand larceny.

He was sentenced to the chair for life.

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END OF A RAILROAD WAR.

A TRUE BETWEEN THE WARAS AND THE CHICAGO ROADS—RATES TO BE RESTORED TO-DAY.

The long conflict between the Chicago and the St. Louis railroads for Missouri River business has been brought to an end. At a meeting Wednesday at the office of the Waras Railroad Company an armistice was signed which will hold, it is hoped, so a lasting peace. The meeting was called at the instance of the Chicago roads, all of which were represented except the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, Vice-President Perkins, general manager of that road, has expressed recently a willingness to submit to arbitration the differences between the two roads. The armistice was signed on June 1, and was to expire on September 12. The best way to run from New-York to New-Orleans, and was to be followed and worked by the owners of the two roads. The armistice was to be suspended on October 1st, and the two roads were to resume their respective rights.

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